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		:	Art Unit: 2157
Application No.: 09/678,893)	
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Filed: October 4, 2000)	
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For:	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT)	
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	SYSTEM)	August 29, 2007

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Allowability, out of an abundance of caution, Applicant requests acknowledgment of priority to

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05-15-2007	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
05-23-2007	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)			
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03-09-2004	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
11-05-2003	Mail Non-Final Rejection
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10-03-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
08-19-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
07-21-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
12-19-2000	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter
01-18-2001	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)
02-13-2001	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
01-25-2001	Application Dispatched from OIPE
01-25-2001	Application Is Now Complete
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